



# A Guide to Curbside Recycling in Westchester

## Curbside Recycling Guidelines

### Paper & Cardboard

**Recycle:** Newspapers, glossy inserts, phone books, magazines, junk mail, brown paper bags, and corrugated and gray cardboard boxes.

**How:** Remove plastic linings, windows and excessive tape. Place mixed paper in a brown bag or loose in the recycling bin. Flatten and place boxes inside each other.

**Don't Include:** Plastic or Styrofoam packing materials, cardboard with any trace of food, paperbacks or hardcover books. Consider donating books to a library.

### Plastics 1 - 7



**Recycle:** All plastics coded with any number between 1 through 7, commonly used for food, beverages, detergents, household cleaners and shampoo. Include coded pails and buckets, as well as

coded flower pots and trays rinsed free of soil or other products.

**How:** All plastics must be rinsed clean and free of food waste and other products. Plastic caps on jars and bottles are acceptable. Place plastics loose in the bin with glass, metal containers and cartons.

**Don't Include:** Plastic bags, plastic film, vinyl, Styrofoam, polystyrene, any unmarked or non-coded plastics (toys, pools, furniture, clothing hangers, or utensils), building materials (piping, sinks, or other fixtures), and containers which held potentially hazardous materials (motor oil, pesticides, or solvents).

**Remember:** Recyclables (glass, metal, plastics, and cartons) can be mixed in the same recycling bin

### Glass Containers



**Recycle:** Glass jars or bottles of any size or color.

**How:** Rinse all containers. Place jars, bottles and loose caps in the recycling bin with plastics, metal, and cartons.

**Don't Include:** Glass that is not used for packaging food or beverages (light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, windows, mirrors, ceramic ware, or kitchen cookware). Empty glass containers which held potentially hazardous materials (pesticides or solvents) should be discarded as garbage.

### Metal Containers

**Recycle:** Food and beverage cans, clean aluminum foil and trays, and empty aerosol cans.

**How:** Rinse all containers and place them loose in the recycling bin with glass, plastics, and cartons.

**Don't Include:** Empty paint cans or metal containers that held potentially hazardous materials (pesticides, glues, or solvents). Bulk metals such as aluminum siding, scrap metal, wire, pipes, tubing, motors, sheet metal, appliances and auto parts are recycled under separate municipal programs. Call your municipality for details.

### Cartons



**Recycle:** Gable-top refrigerated food and beverage cartons (milk cartons), aseptic cartons (non-dairy beverages and soup), juice boxes, and ice cream containers.

**How:** Rinse cartons and place them loose in the recycling bin with glass, metal, and plastic containers.

**Don't Include:** Paper cups/dishware or juice/yogurt pouches.

**For more information, call the Westchester County Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425 or visit [environment.westchestergov.com/recycling](http://environment.westchestergov.com/recycling)**

**NO Plastic Bags  
in the bin!**



Recycle plastic bags separately by returning them to any large grocery store that dispenses plastic bags to customers.

**NO Sharps!**



For information on proper disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets, visit our website and view the "Sharp Smarts" brochure, or call the Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425.

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